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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SO, US

SUBJECT: ARMS FOR SOMALIA

SUMMARY: SOMALI MINISTER RAISES QUESTION OF US ARMS.

1. ON 30 NOVEMBER, DURING REGULAR MEETING OF
CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MOHAMMAD YUSEF
WARI, SOMALI SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TOOK ME ASIDE FOR SHORT TALK.
HE HAD EARLIER ASKED TO SEE CHIEF OF US
MISSION.

2. WARI SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH US DECISION
NOT TO SUPPLY MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA. HE ACKNOW-
LEDGED US ECONOMIC AID, AND SAID OUR EFFORTS IN
THIS AREA IN PAST HAD BEEN SPLENDID IN SOMALIA, BUT
NOW SOMETHING ELSE WAS NEEDED. I BRIEFLY
REHEARSED US POSITION ON ARMS.

3. WARI DID NOT PURSUE SUBJECT, BUT SAID THAT
SOVIETS HAD ALL BUT CEASED ALL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY
ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA BEFORE THE EXPULSION,
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AT SAME TIME THAT HEAVY FLOW OF ARMS WAS BEING
MOUNTED TO ETHIOPIA. HE ASKED IF WE HAD INFORM-
ATION ABOUT ARRIVAL OF NEW SOVIET EQUIPMENT
AT FORNT IN ETHIOPIAN HANDS. I SAID IT DID NOT
YET SEEM TO BE MAKING MAJOR IMPACT
ALTHOUGH MIG'S WERE BEING FLOWN BY ETHIOPIANS
AND T-55'S HAD APPEARED NEAR DIREDAWA. I

ASKED IF HE THOUGH VALUE OF NEW EQUIPMENT MIGHT
BE OFFSET BY POOR LEADERSHIP AND CONTRADICTIONS
WHICH SHOWING UP IN ETHIOPIAN MILITARY. WARI
THOUGHT FOR MOMENT, THEN SAID "ETHIOPIA IS BIG COUNTRY."
COMMENT: EXCHANGE WAS BRIEF AND CAUSAL.WARI
HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY LOCAL SOMALI AMBASSADOR AS
ONE OF MOST STAUNCH FORMER SUPPORTERS OF
SOCIALIST LINE IN SOMALIA. IF SO, HE SEEMS
DISILLUSIONED WITH SOVIETS NOW. ON OTHER HAND,
HE SHOWED SCANT ENTHUSIASM FOR DEALING WITH US AND
NO GREAT CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE.
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